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A ROCK IN ETERNAL MANSIONS

By Rev. HARALD S. SIGMAR

When I left home to attend the state University of North Dakota a dozen years ago, I found, as many others do when first unsheltered from the world, many influences to shake my untried faith. Cynicism and disbelief ran rampant among many of my new-found friends. Skepticism was in vogue, it seemed. Simple virtues like steadfastness and trust in God and fellowmen were looked upon with mild scorn or tolerant indulgence.

There were, of course, good influences too: kindly professors, some manifestly men of faith; churches and other Christian organizations; a nearby home kindled with Christ-like love. But the new ideas glittered more, and, when faith seemed to cross the path of reason, what appeared to be reason invariably won the struggle in the eighteen-year-old mind.

But amidst the swirling waters of confusion, there was a rock. After the first semester a young man returned to the university to complete his last term after an absence of several years in poor health. He had lived in a neighboring community, so I knew him somewhat. As a growing boy I had admired him on the basketball floor and the baseball field. I knew that before he had left the university, after almost completing his course, he had made a brilliant record on the Varsity football squad. I was delighted when I met him at the station and learned that he was returning to finish his work. I couldn't help admiring his courage in making this come-back after years of struggle with the illness that beset him, diabetes. I offered to try to get him a room at the home in which I was staying.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Thorgrimsen were glad to include him with the five young men that were already staying at their home. As he

plunged into his studies I soon discovered that in the intellectual field he was as much a rock of strength as he had been in athletics. Night after night, when books had been laid aside, we would have long discussions. Usually they became quite philosophical. I was amazed at



PROF. THOMAS THORLEIFSON

the faith of this man when our debate led to religion. It was like the Rock of Gibraltar.

I remember the depth of feeling with which he spoke of the pastor who had confirmed him in his Gardar Lutheran Church. The Rev. Pall Sigurdson, who had later moved to Iceland, had evidently helped to bring about eternal marks

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on this young mind. I remember, too, the pride I felt when he spoke of his high respect for his present pastor, who was my father.

This friend of mine, Professor Thomas Thorleifson, was graduated that spring. But he never left the university until he died this summer. He became a member of the faculty after graduation and while he was teaching, continued his studies for higher degrees and greater attainment. In spite of his departure, I know the rock remains, nor will it ever crumble. For the Builder of Eternal Mansions has a place in Destiny for the quality of "Tommy's" life.



INCREASE

Summer holidays are saying farewell; autumn activities are greeting us. What fills our minds as we say good-bye to the past and face the future? I would say gratitude for the one and encouragement for the other. That would seem to be a wholesome state of mind.

May we then turn our eyes briefly toward the departing summer, and when I say summer, I really mean the season of growth in plants and trees. Some of the readers of "The Parish Messenger" have the privilege of living in localities where the season of growth in flowers and other such growing things is very long. The little snow-drops lift their tiny white faces out of the black earth in February, and this is followed by a succession of magnificent growing things all Spring, all Summer, until very late in the Fall. Some of the readers live where roses may be picked in the gardens in the middle of Winter. What an array of divine beauty in flowers, shrubs, trees, fruits, and all kinds of vegetables. One word is written across all this luxuriance in growth: it is the word "Increase". What an increase there has been in and from the tiny seed or bud. In that connection a very important thing must be understood and remembered: This increase has been accomplished, not by spade or trowel from without, but by a power within which we call life. True, this

power is fed by substances from without, such as air and soil, sunlight and rain, but the transforming power, that can use these elements, is life.

Many of us live in a colder climate, where the summers are much shorter and the winters much longer and more severe. And yet, in this land of short growing seasons, a most marvellous transformation takes place. In one or two months' time an almost unbelievable change takes place, from small beginnings to an abundant harvest. It seems to me that, in view of these adverse circumstances, the miracle here is almost greater. What beautiful evidence of power, what increase, what life!

A verse of Scripture is before me: "And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of priests were obedient to the faith" (Acts 6:7). This is a photograph of the Christian Church, close to its very beginnings. In its march along the road of progress, a problem of some difficulty had reared its head and been solved in a satisfactory manner by the election of the seven deacons to look after, what we might call, the social affairs of the church, leaving the apostles free "to give themselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." This solution left the church stronger than ever, and for the time being at least, there was unhindered progress. We are told that the solution "pleased the whole multitude" of Christians in Jerusalem. You can see the whole picture: everybody satisfied, everybody interested, everybody happy to be in this Christian fellowship. Even the priests, who opposed Christianity most, at its birth, were joining the ranks of believers in Christ. The word of God was preached powerfully, and new members were being constantly added. Oh, this congregation was alive. It was increasing, and constant increase is a powerful incentive to hard work and further progress.

What was the reason for this increase? Notice very carefully two statements in the verse that I quoted. The first one is: "The word of God increased"; and the other one is: "The number of the disciples multiplied greatly." It is undeniable that the two statements are intimately connected, and just as certain it is that the first is the reason for the second. Very properly we could combine them this way: because "the word of God increased, the number of the disciples multiplied greatly." The second part of the combined statement cannot be misunderstood, but someone might ask: what is meant by saying that the word of God increased? It is quite plain that it does not refer to the word of God in itself, but to the way it is

used, the way it is preached. The word of God increased in the hands of its preachers, i.e., the apostles and others who assisted them in the preaching. On their lips and in their lives the word of God increased, was a power, kindled a light in the souls of men and women. In their preaching there was life. The life of trees and plants is a suggestion of the higher type of life, spiritual life, eternal life. This is called the "word of God" because God is the source of life. God was in the preaching of the apostles. That is what gave it life.

What practical lesson is there for us in this year of the Lord 1947?

Because God never changes, He must be willing to give Christian people now exactly the same thing as He gave to the apostles.

Here we are members of the Icelandic Lutheran Synod, belonging to congregations, members of church councils, Sunday school teachers, ministers, ordinary laymen, parents, children, every single one of us having an opportunity to do something for Christ and His Church. Suppose we carry the lesson and spirit of summer into our winter work. Someone said: God gave us a memory in order that roses might blossom in December. May there be this winter a real, glorious, powerful summertime in our church services, Sunday schools, young people's societies, women's organizations, men's clubs, and above all in our homes and daily lives. How can this consummation be achieved? The one and only answer is God. Christ was of avail for sinners because God was in Him. Christ said, there is none good except God. He is the eternal source of all goodness. We must drink of that fountain of inspiration. We must come close to God. We must hear Him speak in the sublime beauties of His creation, in whatever wisdom and truth mankind has gathered by listening to Him, in the Book which contains His special messages to humanity, in the Word that became flesh for our salvation, in reverent, sincere, prayerful communion with the author of our being, in faithfully following in the footsteps of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God must be our light, our power, our life, When we become vehicles of His spirit, His power, we can become His instruments in building up His church. Then, and only then can we let our light shine before men that they may see good works. That is the increase we should seek, and if we do, "God will give the increase."

My prayer for the Icelandic Lutheran Synod and for the whole Christian Church is that the "Word of God may increase" and "the number of the disciples be multiplied greatly." In that spirit: Forward March!

REV. EIRIKUR BRYNJOLFSSON

Rev. Eirikur Brynjolfsson was mentioned in our July-August issue as the pastor from Iceland who has, for a year, exchanged pastorates with Rev. Eylands, the editor of this journal. We feel that the readers of "The Parish Messenger" should know something more about him. He hails from Hunavatnssýsla in north-western Iceland, the farmstead where he was born, Sept. 6th, 1903, being named Litlidalur. When he was very young, the family moved to the southern part of Iceland, and there he grew up, very close to Reykjavik. He is a graduate of the college in Reykjavik, and of the theological department of the University of Iceland. He pursued post graduate studies at the great university at Upsala, Sweden, and also at another great university in Marburg, Germany. He was ordained to the parish of Utskalar in southern Iceland, in the neighborhood of Reykjavik, in the year 1928, and he has remained pastor of that parish ever since. There are four churches in his parish and more than 3,000 people, increased at certain times of the year by many fishermen from other districts in Iceland.

He is married to Gudrun Gudmundsdottir, who hails from southern Iceland, not far from Reykjavik. They have one son, 10 months old, and the name is Brynjolfur.

During the war, the American occupation army had its headquarters and most of its 60,000 men in the very parish served by Rev. Brynjolfsson. He had the most pleasant association with these troops, particularly with their chaplains, whom he found to be very fine and friendly men. They called him bishop and claimed to serve under him. He has happy remembrances from those times, and they of him, I am sure.

Mr. Brynjolfsson, with his wife and son, also his wife's sister, arrived in Winnipeg the latter part of June. Since then he has travelled to the Pacific coast, to Wynyard, Sask., and to various places nearer Winnipeg. He has delivered addresses at Gimli, Wynyard and elsewhere. He has preached in the First Lutheran Church in Winnipeg during August, there being no services in July, also conducted services at Lundar, Manitoba.

"The Parish Messenger" extends a whole-hearted welcome to him and his wife and asks God's blessing on their work. We hope and pray that their stay with us may bring happy results to them and to us. We look upon him as a sincere, gifted Christian man and we prophesy that he and his wife will endear themselves to many people during their sojourn in this country.

A CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIANS

By D. A. ROBERTS

A leading layman of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Kitchener, Ontario.

We are not as yet so far removed from the years of World War II that we cannot readily bring to our minds the tremendous strides made in many fields of endeavor during those years. We saw nations united, as only a declaration of war unites a nation, to meet a common enemy. Employer and employee, in joint effort, brought forth production of war essentials in a volume before thought unbelievable. Scientists, by sharing and pooling of their knowledge and ideas, by long hours and continuous searching, accomplished in the relatively few years of the war what would have required, possibly, a half-century of peacetime effort.

Never did mankind have so much material power in his control. Efforts, born of fear of destruction, brought forth co-operation of great minds and energies and with it great accomplishments.

In more recent years, we have seen some of the difficulties involved in the transfer from a wartime to a peacetime economy. In this period we have seen more limited progress because there was not the same degree of co-operative effort. During the war the goal was clearly defined—destruction of the enemy. In peacetime, the purpose of life is not so clearly defined in the minds of many. Strange, but nonetheless true, there does not appear to be the urge to help one another in peacetime as exists in war.

The world is in much need of food, clothing and shelter but at home and abroad it cries out for a greater need—that of understanding and love. Surely this holds a challenge to the individual Christian. The Christian too often excuses himself for not helping on the basis that his or her efforts to relieve world conditions is so futile that it is not worth attempting. Such individuals lose sight of the accumulated effect of the efforts of many; they have failed to see the pattern of co-operation that accomplished so much in the war years.

The Christian cannot escape the responsibility of stewardship. He is accountable for the trust that has been given to him and which must be properly discharged during his short sojourn here. Many and varied are the capacities, abilities and talents of the members of the Christian church. As we examine the progress the church has made, we cannot help but conclude that there are altogether too many members on congregational rolls that have not caught even a glimpse of the responsibility that is theirs

as Christian stewards. Until the Christian appreciates the unique privilege that is his of serving out of a feeling of thankfulness to a God who has dealt generously with him, such individual will not be found to be a faithful steward. So many pride themselves on their own ability, on the things they have acquired by dint of their own effort, that too seldom is God given any credit for that which they possess. Self-praise and self-interest are hindering agencies. We are so often so insular in our thinking, so selfish in our purpose, that we are not ready to share that with which we have been endowed so richly. Those of us with Christo-centric faith have seen the pattern of humility and service set for us by Christ. Acknowledging our human frailties and that there are times when an individual falls far short of the accomplishment he has set out to achieve, we are still called upon to participate to the best of our endeavours in serving faithfully our office of stewards in His service.

This is a personal matter for each individual. If you will, with honesty of purpose and with a stick-to-it-iveness so often found in our material endeavours, strive to do your part as a steward—alone when occasion demands and in joint effort when such is available—you will find that this world will be made a better place in which to live, and a happiness heretofore unknown to you will be your experience.

Don't be merely a hanger-on. These days require positive action. Do something that indicates you are ready to co-operate as readily in matters of the church as you did in patriotic efforts toward our country in time of war. Can you teach in Sunday School; if so, volunteer your services. The other organizations of the church can also use your ability—give of it freely. The Every Member Visitation needs helpers—offer to make some calls on your fellow-parishioners. Help the lukewarm and indifferent members to more regular attendance at the services—encourage the lapsed member to return. Assist the pastor in calls on shut-ins, the sick and the bereaved. Give freely—give gladly of your money to the calls for financial assistance. After all, should you not share with the Giver the gifts you have received?

Live a life of Christian service. Easy—no. Difficult—yes. Let us see the challenge through. You can be a faithful steward if you want to—enough.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

By Rev. E. H. SIGMAR

The Stewardship Committee of our United Lutheran Church has just released the first Hollywood-produced film on Christian stewardship and benevolence. The title of this four-reel "movie" is "AND NOW I SEE". Ralph Morgan and Addison Richards, noted Hollywood actors, play the leading roles in this unique motion picture.

Dr. G. Elson, Editor of "The Lutheran", says of this film: "In the best Hollywood manner this picture preaches the strongest sermon on giving which I have ever heard. It aims straight and true at the real reason for giving. It is sure to hold the attention of everyone who sees it. Any congregation which fails to present this picture, and any Lutheran who fails to see it, will miss something of great value. This movie will not be the only means used by the Church to arouse a high tide of loyalty and generosity among our people. We plan to let loose the full resources of the United Lutheran Church in an all-out effort during this time of world-wide crisis. How could we be content with anything less, when the world's need of faith and hope rings in our ears day and night? . . . Don't miss "AND NOW I SEE". And don't fail to do something about what it tells you.

The congregations of the Icelandic Lutheran Synod will have an opportunity to see this film this fall. One set has been sent to Pastor Eric Sigmar, Stewardship Secretary of the Icelandic Synod. It will be his duty to arrange for sending this film to the different parishes of the Synod for presentation in the various congregations. It is kindly requested that the pastors of synod contact Pastor Sigmar stating a date when they would like to use the film for their parish.

DEEP SYMPATHY

Is hereby extended on behalf of this journal to Mr. Gissur Eliasson, our worthy business manager, in the death of his brother Marino of Riverton, Man., who died in Winnipeg August 13th, following an accident near his home at Riverton. The same sympathy is extended to his parents, sister, wife, son and other relatives and friends. May the God of comfort fill the souls of those dear friends at the passing of this excellent young man.

ENCOURAGING EXAMPLE

The Icelandic Lutheran Synod is a member of the United Lutheran Church in America. In that large church body there are many boards. One of these, and the one we are best acquainted with, is the Board of American Missions. That is the board that has so generously and substantially aided our mission work. It publishes a magazine, "Ecclesia Plantanda". In "Notes from the Field", in July-August issue there is a paragraph about the work of our congregation in Seattle. I think it is only right that our people should see this. There is deserved credit given to Pastor Sigmar and his fine band of co-workers. It is also a splendid example to all our people. The following is the paragraph:

"Icelandic. One of the most encouraging developments of mission activities is that of Calvary Church in Seattle, under Pastor Harald S. Sigmar. One of the recent improvements was the purchase of a parsonage. The Board's (Board of American Missions) funds being greatly limited, the congregation was advised to secure a commercial loan for the amount still needed in addition to the Board's loan. So great was the enthusiasm of the congregation that, although they had given liberally, they reasoned: "Why borrow the money which we will have to pay back anyway, with interest?" So, another campaign was put on. Each councilman gave \$50, although some had already given as much as \$100 in the first solicitation. The congregation responded so generously to this good example that the problem was solved. The choir room and the Sunday school rooms have been remodelled at a cost of more than \$1,000, and all without drawing on the church treasury. The work was entirely donated by the men of the congregation, and the cost of the material was given by various organizations of the parish. The Sunday school purchased a good piano for use at its services, and, taking everything into consideration, the congregation has just passed through the best year in its history."



Beholds the end of what is sown,
Beyond our vision weak and dim,
The harvest time is hid with Him.

The Cross.



Alone in the great love
Which gave Life to the Sleeper of the grave.
Resteth the power to "seek and save".

Lines.

NOTES from OUR PARISHES

BLAINE-POINT ROBERTS PARISH NOTES

Blaine Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church of Point Roberts have been holding regular services with their new pastor, the Rev. Arthur S. Hanson, in charge. The installation of Pastor Hanson will take place August 31st, when the Rev. Dr. H. Sigmar and the Rev. H. S. Sigmar will officiate.

A regular program has been undertaken among all activities in the parish. The young people of Blaine Lutheran Church have been holding regular Wednesday evening fellowships and have real plans for the future. Some of the very interesting topics that have been discussed and studied have been a study of the **Common Service; What is a Christian? What makes for a Good Church?; How can the Luther League serve the Church?; The Lutheran Church, its bodies, and constituent synods.** A rally is planned with the youth group of Calvary Lutheran Church of Seattle on September 7th, when the Blaine Luther League will motor to the Washington metropolis for an all-day

visit. Pastor Hanson of Blaine will be guest preacher at the morning service which will be attended by the Blaine youth group. Then a sightseeing trip of Seattle will take up the afternoon and a rally will be in order for the evening. The Rev. Dr. H. Sigmar will preach in Blaine Lutheran Church on that Sunday.

The Senior and Junior Ladies' Aid of the Blaine Church served dinners at the annual Icelandic celebration at Peace Arch Park. It may be added that the 1947 affair was a grand success. A Sunday school picnic was held at Peace Arch Park on August 17th.

Betty Jean Olson and Phillip Wayne Brackett were united in marriage at Trinity Church, Point Roberts, by the Rev. Mr. Hanson, on August 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wampler and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bostrum have had their respective children baptized in the Blaine Church during the past month.

NEWS ITEMS FROM SEATTLE By Mrs. RAY OLASON

The Sunday school students recently completed another paper drive which netted \$30.00. They are asking friends to continue saving paper, for they plan to have drives regularly throughout the year. Sunday school studies will be resumed on September 7th, with classes beginning at 10.00 a.m.

The choir will also resume its activities in the near future. Choirmaster Tani Bjornson has recovered from a recent tonsillectomy. We all hope that Tani's splendid voice will not be adversely affected.

Dr. H. Sigmar and the Rev. H. S. Sigmar participated in the installation of Pastor Arthur Hanson at Blaine, Washington.

Miss Alice Cowling and Mr. Ronald E. Johnson were united in marriage by Pastor Sigmar on July 18th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lee. Ronald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnson.

On August 8th Miss Doris Weber and Mr. Henry Hendrickson were married at the parsonage. He is the son of Mrs. R. Johnson.

During the four years Pastor Sigmar has been here, he has married Mrs. Johnson's four sons.

The Rev. Eirikur Brynjolfsson of Winnipeg, Man., was speaker at a special Icelandic service

on July 28th. His inspiring talk and manner made a lasting impression on his listeners. While here he was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Thordarson.

Funeral services were held for Miss Elin Thorsteinson, who died on July 2nd. She was a sister of Mr. K. Thorsteinson of this city. Miss Thorsteinson taught in Seattle and Tacoma High schools and was a member of this congregation.

Miss Margaret Sigmar, who underwent a major operation recently is recuperating satisfactorily. We all join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Margaret's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Sigmar, of Vancouver, B.C., have been in Seattle for the past month, during which time Dr. Sigmar has conducted several services in our church.

Miss Valdis Johannson of Wynyard, Sask., and Mr. H. V. Brackin of Seattle, were married in the Lutheran Church in Wynyard on July 14. She is the daughter of Mrs. Asbjorg Johannson.

Mr. and Mrs. Brackin are making their home in Seattle. We welcome them and wish them much happiness.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tarrant was baptized at home on July 26th. He was named James Douglas.

NOTES FROM VANCOUVER

By Mrs. ENGA O. SIGURDSON

Not only did the Rev. Harald Sigmar drive his father to Vancouver from Seattle on Sunday, August 24, but he preached the sermon as well. He chose as his topic his favorite individual text on "Forgiving Love", Philippians 3-13-14, which he said was "Heart of Christianity". No one listening to this brilliant young man could remain unmoved when he said, "To return good for evil, was Christlike". "Mistakes should not act as an anchor, but as a spur".

This summer service, even on a hot August day, was very well attended. The Rev. Dr. Sigmar conducted the devotional service and later gave a brief report of our Synod Convention. He also reported that on September 7th our Fall services would commence.

Mrs. S. H. Sigurgeirson of Steveston, B.C., attended, and many expressed sympathy to her in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Elin Elizabeth Anderson, who had been living with her. Rev. Dr. Sigmar officiated at the burial service on August 25th.

Another visitor was Mrs. Hunter of Winnipeg.

It is traditional with the W.A. to entertain the mothers of the confirmation class, and this year they will be special guests at the W.A.'s Annual Birthday Party at the Sigurdson home, 1305 West 48th Ave., on Thursday, September 4th at 8 o'clock in the evening. Committee in charge are Mrs. W. Mooney, Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. C. N. Ogg.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunther Hendrickson are receiving congratulations on the birth of their third son, Garth Peter, on August 16th. The young baby's grandmother, Mrs. Peterson of Woodside, Man., is visiting them.

Mr. Henry Jackson has returned to Vancouver with his bride, the former Olga Ostapovich of Wynyard, Sask., where their marriage took place on August 10th. They are residing at 2036 York St.

Our best wishes go to the Icelandic Old Folks' Home Committee, of which Mr. G. F. Gislason is president, Dr. P. B. Guttormson is treasurer, and Mrs. Archie Orr, secretary.

They have purchased a fine old home in a choice residential part of Vancouver and hope to have it in operation October 1st.

Vancouver again is getting its quota of tourists. Interesting visitors motoring here from San Francisco, California, early in August were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sigurdson of 1360 O'Farrell St., who later visited Victoria, Banff and Calgary. Mr. Sigurdson is the son of the late Rev. Jonas Sigurdson of Churchbridge, Sask., and Mrs. Oddrun Sigurdson. They were enthusiastic

in their praise of the work done by the Rev. and Mrs. S. O. Thorlaksson among the Icelanders of Northern California.

After a visit to Vancouver and Seattle, Judge Walter Lindal of Winnipeg spent a very pleasant sojourn in Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, with old friends. On his return visit to Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sumarladason entertained in his honor Sunday evening, August 10th, at their home, 1875 Drummond Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Asbjorn Palsson of Dawson Creek spent several weeks with the former's sister, Mrs. W. G. Barrett, McNicol St., and also visited their son at Cowichan, Vancouver Island, who is on the school staff there.

Enroute home from a visit to Prince Rupert and Vanderhoof, B.C., Mr. and Mrs. Vigfus J. Guttormsson of Lundar visited their son here, Dr. Peter Guttormsson, and Mrs. Guttormsson.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornell Eyford, 3915 W. 36th Ave., had as their visitors for a short stay, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Harknett, 373 Kingston Row, who motored from St. Vital, Man.

Mrs. Thora Thorsteinsson Smith, the well-known Vancouver Soprano, spent six weeks this summer at San Francisco and Berkley studying music and is now back home.

Mrs. I. G. Skordal has returned to the city from Winnipeg where she spent a very enjoyable holiday with her mother, Mrs. Aslaug Olafson, and her sister, Mrs. E. Richardson, both residing on Home St. She also visited her sister, Mrs. B. Edison, of Dafoe, Sask., for seven weeks.

Mrs. Carl Frederickson also visited relatives and friends in Winnipeg and Wynyard.

Sympathy was expressed by the Icelandic Community here to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Orr when the former's mother, Mrs. Sigrun Foote, who has lived with them for many years, passed away. She is also survived by one daughter, Mrs. A. W. McKee of Winnipeg.

And to Mr. Stephenson of 606 W. 27th Ave., his daughters here, Lilly and Dorothy, and his three sons in Winnipeg, sorrow was expressed in the passing of a loving wife and mother, Hallfridur Stephenson, formerly of Winnipeg.

Rev. Dr. H. Sigmar performed the ceremony at the bride's home, 2877 Beresford St., Burnaby, August 2nd, which united in marriage Elizabeth E. Eyrikson and Robert Hart, both of Vancouver.

On August 6th a meeting of the Luther League was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Johnson, 2631 Triumph St.

We are all looking forward with much pleasure to Sunday, September 21st, when the Rev. Arthur Hanson of Blaine and Point Roberts will be our guest preacher.

ARGYLE PARISH NEWS

The Rev. K. K. Olafson, former pastor of the Argyle Parish, accompanied by his wife, stopped over night in Glenboro en route to Wynyard, Sask., where he is conducting services in that district for a two weeks' period. Mr. and Mrs. Olafson are traveling by car, and the first day out of Illinois they traveled a distance of 753 miles. On their return trip they expect to stop a couple of days in the community.

The pastor has returned to the parish after a three weeks' absence during which time he underwent an appendix operation in Winnipeg.

Mr. Fred and Bob Miller of Winnipeg, grandsons of the Rev. Fr. Hallgrimson, one of Argyle's former pastors, visited the parish over the Labor Day weekend. While here they attended services at Grund and Baldur and spoke a few words at both services. It was a pleasure for the people of the parish to meet these young men who served to refresh memories of the days when their grandfather served this parish.

Frederick Ronald, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Josephson of Glenboro, was baptized in the Glenboro Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 24th at the Evening Service. The child's grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gislie Bjornson, were witnesses.

On Sunday, Sept. 7th at 11 a.m., the Lutheran Church at Bru is conducting a special service at which time a Roll of Honor will be unveiled bearing the names of the young men of that congregation who served in the Armed Forces of their country. Special tribute and honor

will be paid Mr. Barney Isleifson who was killed in action. The other young men who will be honored at this service are Albert Anderson, Vilhjalmur Arnason, Fred Bjornson, Elmer Arason, Fred Gunnlaugson, Joseph Walter Hallgrimson, Bjorn Hallgrimson, Victor Nordal, Morley Sissons, Robert Sloan, and Fred Walterson.

Miss Dorothy Anderson of Baldur, and Miss Sigrun Sigmar of Grund entered the Winnipeg General Hospital in the middle of August to begin the regular Nurse's Training Course. The Parish wishes them every success in their new undertaking.

Mr. Stanley Oleson of Glenboro left last week for Souris, Man., where he will commence his duties as school teacher in a rural school near Souris. He is probably the youngest school teacher in Manitoba, as he will not celebrate his 16th birthday till the end of November!

Miss Emily Einarson of Grund, and Miss Lillian Arason of Glenboro have just returned to their homes after having spent most of the summer traveling at the West Coast. While at the coast they visited many friends and relatives.

Harvesting is well under way in the community. The farmers of the parish report fair to good yields. Because of a severe heat wave in early August the yields are not as good as had been earlier predicted. Another week of dry weather will enable most farmers to complete their threshing and combining operations.

NOTES FROM SELKIRK

By VICTOR ERICKSON

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Thorsteinsson, Main Street, Selkirk were honored on Monday, July 14th on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. Mrs. Anna Magnusson presented the honored couple with a silver tray, tea service and a radio on behalf of the assembled guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorsteinson were married by the late Rev. N. S. Thorlakson in 1922 at the home of Mrs. Thorsteinson's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. B. Freeman. They have three children, Mrs. Harry Gibbs of Fort Frances, Ont., Mrs. R. Squires of Selkirk and Franklin at home, also two grandchildren.

A number of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. W. Bessasson Robinson Ave., Selkirk on Tuesday evening July 15 in honor of Mrs. Stanley Baty, formerly Miss Sylvia Magnusson of Selkirk. Mrs. Bessasson, on behalf of the

assembled guests presented Mrs. Baty with a dinner set, table linen and miscellaneous gifts. Guests numbered 35.

Mrs. H. Thompson and four children of St. Paul, Minn., who have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Skagfjord, Clandeboy Ave., Selkirk, for a few days, returned to their home by motor. They were accompanied by Mrs. Thompson's sister, Mrs. Ralph Patterson and small daughter, Anna Marie, also of St. Paul, who visited with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Thorsteinson of Selkirk.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallur Hallson accompanied by their two daughters left on Friday, July 25th for the west coast, where they will make their home.

Miss Tryggie Lyons of Toronto left last week after spending a month with her mother Mrs. F. Lyons of Selkirk.